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SUBJ: CAMBODIA: PROPOSAL TO BRIEF PRES EYADEMA ON MILITARY
SITUATION

REF: (A) STATE 257618; (B) STATE 256605; (C) STATE 251028

1. FON OFF OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF WHO DELIVERED ENGLISH AND FRENCH
TEXTS SECRETARY'S LETTER (REFTEL B) TO MINISTRY THIS MORNING
THAT FON MIN HUNLEDE MAY RETURN LOME MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25. HAVE
REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ON URGENT BASIS AS INSTRUCTED
REFTEL (A).

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN MY SUGGESTING TO FON MIN
THAT, IF PRESIDENT EYADEMA WOULD FIND IT USEFUL IN HIS ASSESSMENT
CAMBODIAN SITUATION, EMBASSY COULD READILY ARRANGE MILITARY
BRIEFING FOR HIM (AT PRESIDENCE OR CAMP MILITAIRE OR ANY PLACE
HE SUGGESTS) BY USARMA COL SMITH AND ASST USARMA MAJOR HARDIN,
BOTH OF WHOM HAVE SERVED IN SEA. SUGGESTION WOULD BE LOW KEY.
FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS CONVINCED US SUCH BRIEFING WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL TO USG INTERESTS:

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A) EYADEMA IS FIRST AND FOREMOST MILITARY MAN WHO IS MOST AT

HOME WITH OTHER MILITARY MEN;

B) HE IS COMBAT VETERAN OF SERVICE IN INDO-CHINA, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW HIS PRECISE AREA OF SERVICE;

C) IT WOULD, WE THINK, APPEAL TO HIS VANITY TO BE BRIEFED BY TWO SENIOR US OFFICERS BROUGHT IN FOR OCCASION (USARMA ALREADY PLANNING SHORT VISIT LOME DECEMBER 1-3);

D) AS DEPT AWARE, EYADEMA'S SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND GRVN HAS BEEN FIRM TO DATE (DESPITE HIS CONVERSATION WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE DURING PARIS VISIT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO). THIS SUPPORT STEMS EVIDENTLY FROM HIS BELIEF THIEU HAS MILITARY SITUATION IN HAND AND CANNOT BE DEFEATED IN FIELD;

E. PROFESSIONAL MILITARY BRIEFING OF EYADEMA BY MILITARY OFFICERS -- ADMITTING GRK SETBACKS, PROBLEMS, LOSSES, BUT GENERALLY POSITIVE, ALONG LINES REFTEL (C), WOULD BE ADDITIONALLY PERSUASIVE OF SOUNDNESS OF U.S. POSITION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IMMEDIATE IF SUGGESTION MEETS YOUR APPROVAL.
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